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AMENDMENT

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-24 without prejudice.

Please add following new claims:

a' --25. (new) A method of reducing lactose intolerance in a subject experiencing lactose intolerance, comprising the step of daily administering a lactose containing product concurrently with a first fermented dairy product which contains live cultured bacteria associated with said fermented dairy product.

26. (new) The method of claim 25, wherein said first fermented dairy product is yogurt.